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## NO SURE THING.

Ald. Loeffler didn't have a sure thing on the West Side after all. Did he?

Mortimer Scanlan was named for Assessor.

Frank Kilcane for Supervisor, Al Hoffman, the brewer, for Collector.

John Denlack for Town Clerk.

All of which proves that there is no such thing as a sure thing in nominations.

## THE ALDERMANIC BATTLE.

There has seldom been so much interest displayed in an Aldermanic campaign as there is in the one being held at present, and this interest is not confined to any one ward or district, but is felt by the public all over the city.

The interest felt locally over the different candidates is demonstrated by the keen competition, the number of candidates, and the large vote brought out at the primaries wherever they have been held.

A good deal of this is due to the fact that there rarely have been so many questions of great moment to the citizens of Chicago pending in the City Council.

Owing to the activity, ability and honest determination with which the various problems that have for years confronted the people of this city have been pushed forward on the road to a satisfactory solution by Chicago's intrepid young Mayor, the City Council has, within the brief period of his incumbency, been made the scene of local legislation of vast importance and of the utmost value to the community. It is natural that the people should be desirous of upholding the Mayor and backing up his honest efforts by electing the very best available men to the Council to co-operate with and aid him in his most laudable endeavors.

There is no doubt that the next Council will be strengthened and improved by the coming election. In several wards old timber will be dropped out and new blood and vigor infused into the municipal legislature.

## A FOOLISH FAD.

As THE EAGLE predicted from the beginning, the Civic Federation has developed a most pronounced case of Know-Nothingism. It has issued a fulmination against those Aldermen who, in the judgment of this self-constituted body of public censors and would-be political dictators, ought to be retired from public life. In almost every instance the edict has issued against Aldermen who are either of foreign birth or parentage.

The distinction which the Federation makes between the two classes of Aldermen is ostensibly based upon so-called boodle lines—that is to say the "Goats" are those who voted for certain ordinance and the "Sheep" are those who didn't, but the real distinction is disclosed by the names of the men marked for slaughter.

Now, referring to those charges of boodle, THE EAGLE thinks it a pity that there should not be some means of making such malicious and vindictive intermeddlers with public life and affairs responsible for their public utterances. It is too bad that

a band of Know-nothing conspirators can come together, hatch up a stew of slander, calumny and vilification, and dish it out to the public through the complaisant columns of the press. It is however a satisfaction to know that the public at large can see through the objects of the Civic Federation and the so-called Christian Citizens' Movement, and that the public has no sympathy with either.

That this is so and that the Know-nothing organizations and their organs have neither force nor influence is demonstrated by the best of all proofs, namely, the success of the men who have been attacked in every instance up to date in which they have sought their party endorsement for re-election. For example, Ald. John Powers, of the Nineteenth, last week swept aside all opposition (and, in fact, there was none worth mentioning), and on Saturday was nominated by an overwhelming vote. Ald. Wm. F. Mahoney, of the Eighteenth Ward, has simply annihilated the opposition set up against him there. The people of the ward are proud of their representative, who quietly laughs at the mud-slingers and then goes in and wins.

Ald. Mulcahy, of the Twenty-ninth, was abused and attacked, but the traducers had no one to support against him, for there was not a man in the ward who could be induced to run against him. Ald. John Kenny was implored by his constituents to take a re-nomination, but he voluntarily retired. In the Twenty-third Ward Ald. John A. Larson has practically won out in the race for the Republican nomination, and so on all through the list.

THE EAGLE confidently predicts that Know-nothingism will get another slap when these party nominations will be ratified by the election of the nominees next April.

## A PECULIAR TEST OF FITNESS.

Apparently the great test, in the judgment of our would-be reformers of public life, of the fitness of the aldermanic candidates for re-election is their votes in relation to the so-called Watson gas ordinance. According to these good people, any alderman who voted for the passage of this measure should be relegated to political oblivion, while those who voted against the measure are worthy of a continuance of public favor.

While this paper does not pose as a champion of the Watson gas ordinance, it cannot refrain from pointing out the fallacy and injustice of this argument. Those persons who have raised the hue and cry over the Watson gas ordinance are the same who have been for years inveighing against the gas trust and gnashing their teeth over the wrongs and sufferings caused by that monopoly. Now, was not the Watson gas ordinance a measure in the line of competition? It was not, what was it?

The reformers say if those people were given that franchise they would simply sell out to the gas trust. How do they know this? They answer, "We know by the test of past experience." According to the same test there can never be any competition, and the result must be abject surrender to the monopoly.

There is one other aspect to this case. How do the "reformers" know that the men who voted for the defeat of the Watson gas ordinance are any more honest and deserving of re-election than those who voted for it? Without throwing aspersions on the character of any of those gentlemen, it is but fair to say that unworthy motives and sinister influences bring about the defeat just as often as their passage of public measures.

## CANAL EXPENSES FOR FEBRUARY.

The budget of expenses for February was considered by the Drainage Board Wednesday. Clerk Judge offered the following report on warrants authorized and drawn during the month:

Engineering department	\$ 12,413
Clerical department	1,250
Law department	5,610
Treasurer	101
General account	2,938
Engineering department (construction accounts)	244,431
Law department (land account)	3,011
Police department	3,267
Total	\$300,200

The report showed a total of vouchers issued of \$18,522, of which \$18,166 was in the engineering department and the rest in the law department and on the general account. This cleans up the last accounts of expenses incurred in making the extra river diversion.

Engineer Randolph estimated the expenses of the engineering department for March at \$325,000. One hundred and sixty-four men were shown to be at work for the sanitary district. An agreement had been made with the Santa Fe Road to have its bridge across the Desplaines River below the spillway raised to a safe height. The recent floods have shown the danger of sweeping the structure away at high water. The expense will be \$6,000.

The first result of the inspection made by the trustees last Monday was a recommendation from Engi-

neer Randolph that the board require contractors to keep the berms between the spoil bank and the excavation at least 200 feet. The landslide on Section 5, which has prevented any work being done by the Qualey Construction Company, caused by dumping the spoil on the soft earth fifty feet away, brought about the recommendation.

The attorney's report showed an expense of \$10,385 for February, of which \$4,775 was applied on purchasing the right of way, \$3,740 on the general account and \$1,870 on salaries. Thirty-seven lots have been purchased in Manchester. Engineer Randolph was instructed to present a project for the keeping of a gauge record on all streams affected by the drainage canal at the next meeting. The board will meet at 1 p. m. Saturday to discuss ways and means for the purchase of certain tracts in Bridgeport through which the canal will pass.

## TUGS FIGHTING FOR OPEN BRIDGES.

Messrs. Dunham, McMillan, Keith, Nelson and several others interested in towing are trying again to reopen the fight made after the election of every new Mayor with the thousands of people who use the suburban trains of the Northwestern and St. Paul roads. They protested to the Mayor Wednesday against the closing during certain hours of the day of the city's bridge at Kinzie street and the bridges of the two railroad companies mentioned. The three bridges are close together and none of them can be swung but one way, causing unusual delays. Under the last administration the matter was referred to the Law Department, which decided that Kinzie street bridge was one of those which should be closed during the two busiest hours of the morning and the two hours of the evening when most people are returning to their homes. This settled the matter for the suburbanites, for the closing of Kinzie street bridge made it of no advantage to the tugmen when neither of the railroad bridges was opened. The men who called up on the Mayor Wednesday said the tug interests were greatly injured on account of the closing of these bridges, that most of the boats during the hours when all bridges are kept closed were in the habit of running up North Branch to "coal up," no large vessels being moved at that time. The interests of the tug associations, therefore, demanded that the tugs be allowed to take coal when they could do nothing else. Mayor Hopkins promised that all interests should be taken into consideration in the solution of the question.

The different bodies will organize for marching in Haymarket square and march south on Desplaines street to Jackson, east on Jackson to Michigan avenue, south on Michigan avenue to Twelfth street, counter-march to Van Buren street, west on Van Buren to Clark street, north on Clark to Lake street, west on Lake to Market, and disperse.

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## TWO MORE VETOS.

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## FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION.

Arrangements for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day have been completed by a committee composed of delegates from the different Irish societies of this city. Receptions and entertainments will be held by many of the branches.

John T. Keating, of Branch No. 36, A. O. H., will be the Grand Marshal of the parade. He will be escorted by the Knights of St. Patrick, mounted, 100 strong, and assisted by the following marshals:

D. Corkery, John F. Finerty, W. H. Joyce, Roger Sullivan, P. B. Flannigan, E. Cummings, A. J. Ford, J. E. Long, M. J. Kelly, James Clarke, D. F. O'Connor, John Dowling, T. O'Hern, L. Henley, J. F. Courty, Stephen Griffin, T. H. Connors, T. Cusack, M. McNeerney, J. F. O'Malley, W. Lyman, M. Mulcahy, J. F. Mahoney, James Maher, P. H. Keenan, John Powers, W. Mahoney, T. Lyons, C. O'Donnell, F. T. Nichols, the Rev. John P. Dore, the Rev. E. H. Kelley, the Rev. J. M. Scanlon, the Rev. F. McCaffrey, the Rev. M. O'Sullivan, the Rev. D. O'Brien, M. Blacken, Col. F. F. Colby, Maj. L. Buckley, W. H. Mulholland, Capt. J. Byrne, W. A. Cuneo, P. O'Sul-

ivan, Miles Kehoe, J. H. Lynch, F. Agnew, H. S. Hyland, J. E. Strain, M. J. Mahoney, Ignatius Sheridan, James McHale, M. J. Keane, Capt. P. Coan, J. P. Mahoney, J. Foley, P. E. Guerin, J. H. Carmody, J. F. O'Brien, P. J. Cahill, D. O'Shea.

The order of the parade will be as follows:

FIRST DIVISION.  
J. T. Keating in command, escorted by Knights of St. Patrick, mounted.

Platoon of Police.  
Officers of Irish-American Council in carriages.

Hibernian Rifles, Seventh Regiment, I. N. G., Col. F. T. Colby, Commanding, 100 rank and file.

Patriotic Sons of Father Mathew, Uniform Corps.  
Cadet Corps, twenty boys.

Father Mathew T. A. and B. Society.  
Gaelic Athletic Association Clubs, Thomas E. Jones in command; clubs in following order: Emmetts, Inghalls, Davids, Grattans, Emeralds, Brian Bona, Finertys, Liberators, O'Connells, Fitzgeralds.

Band.  
Pullman Holy Rosary Cadets.

Ancient Order of Hibernians, P. B. Flannigan in command.  
Officers A. O. H. in carriages.

THIRD DIVISION.  
Band.  
Clan-na-Gael Guards, Maj. L. R. Buckley in command.

Company H, Capt. Gorman.  
Company B, Capt. Reid.

Emmett Guards, Capt. T. A. Beckett command.

Citizens in carriages.  
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## HERE THEY ARE.

Following are the candidates spoken of for various offices to date:

For Congress.

Democrat.  
Francis W. Walker.

Republican.  
Joseph M. Longenecker.

Democrat.  
Clayton E. Craft.

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## MUNICIPAL AND POLITICAL.

Representative Robert H. Muir, of Cicero, has been chosen unanimously President of the Trade and Ballot Protection Republican Club, a new organization. The other officers are: Joseph Barneboe, First Vice President; W. E. Stevenson, Second Vice President; T. H. Wintersteen, Third Vice President; J. M. Munn, Secretary; J. W. C. Clark, Assistant Secretary; R. F. Buchanan, Treasurer; Joseph Barneboe, T. J. Huston, James Murray, C. F. Sheldon, Winfield Scott, Thomas C. Brownell, and E. J. Dahms, Executive Committee.

Capt. William F. Koch, of the First Regiment, was elected Captain General, under whom Captains of wards and towns and Lieutenants of precincts and other volunteer members will constitute the marching club. The object of the club is to organize Republicans of Cook County into a central club, with headquarters centrally located, accessible at all times to members, where the Republicans of the county and city may be brought into closer relations, acquaintances made, views exchanged, literature disseminated, Republican history and achievements studied and principles explained by eloquent and learned exponents; where plans may be matured to protect the ballot-box and earnest efforts put forth to secure competent judges of election. Members will be required to guard the polls in their respective precincts, to encourage political discussions, and solidify and strengthen the party.

At a largely attended meeting of the Bohemian Workingmen's Republican Club of the Ninth Ward at 625 West Eighteenth street, resolutions were adopted endorsing the candidacy of George B. Elbe for Alderman of that ward.

At a regular meeting of the Fifteenth Ward Regular Republican Club at Fortschritt Turner Hall James A. Lammers was endorsed as the Aldermanic candidate of the ward. President Haas, Ald. Reddick, ex-Commissioner Skallerup, J. Henry Kraft, Judge Michael, Frank Coffinberry, and others addressed the meeting.

Dr. J. M. Caldwell, who has held the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics in the Health Department for many years, was on Wednesday removed for political reasons by Mayor Hopkins. The duties of the office will be performed by Dr. M. J. McKenna, of the Twenty-ninth Ward. The Undertakers' Association made a strong effort to have Dr. Caldwell retained.

A big meeting, held at the Metropolitan Theater on Thursday night, endorsed Mr. Hyman Rubenstein for Alderman of the Seventh Ward.

The following Democratic Aldermanic nominations have been made up to date:  
Second Ward—Leopold Moss.  
Third Ward—Andrew F. Link.  
Fifth Ward—David Deist.  
Eighth Ward—Frank Stepicka.  
Tenth Ward—William Harvie.  
Thirteenth Ward—W. T. Maypole.  
Fifteenth Ward—Dr. George Leininger.  
Seventeenth Ward—James Pollock.  
Nineteenth Ward—W. F. Mahoney.  
Twenty-first Ward—John Powers.  
Twenty-third Ward—Arnold Tripp.  
Twenty-fifth Ward—Oscar Tripp.  
Twenty-seventh Ward—John Bignone.  
Twenty-ninth Ward—Robert Mulcahy.  
Thirtieth Ward—Don J. Barnes.

A convention of the Prohibitionists of Cook County has been called to meet Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p. m., at Willard Hall, Temple Building, corner Monroe and La Salle streets, for the following purposes:

To elect 154 delegates and 154 alternates to the State Convention at Bloomington, May 3 and 4.  
To nominate candidates for the following county offices: Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools, Clerks of the Probate, Criminal and Appellate Courts, County Judge, President of the Board of County Commissioners, and fifteen County Commissioners.

To elect a new county committee. Gov. St. John will deliver an address to the convention, and among others who are expected to speak are Dr. Herrick Johnson, Dr. Gifford and Dr. Henson. Good music will be provided. The basis of representation in the convention will be one delegate for every ten votes or major fraction thereof cast in the several wards and towns for General Bidwell for President in 1892 and one delegate-at-large from each ward or township. The ratio of representation will be one delegate for every eight votes cast for Gen. Bidwell in 1892, and the convention will consist of 442 delegates.

Walter S. Bogle, whom Gov. Altgeld has just appointed a member of the West Park Board to succeed Commissioner C. K. G. Billings, whose term expired, is a well-known West Side coal dealer and has figured quite extensively in Democratic politics. He is a popular man, with a wide circle of friends, and he will no doubt serve the people of the West Side well in his new office, as he is

making his nomination in the Twenty-seventh Ward a certainty, and as a Republican nomination in the Twenty-seventh is equivalent to an election, Mr. Butler may be regarded as the successor of Alderman Hausen, who goes down to defeat on his record in connection with the Watson gas ordinance.

At this writing the indications are that H. W. Duncan, the Madison street jeweler, will have the majority of delegates for the Aldermanic nomination in the Twelfth. This will not surprise many, as the best leaders in the ward and the young men have been with him from the start. Mr. Duncan has the ability to represent the Twelfth if nominated.

This stage is to be elevated again. This time the elevating process is not to be undertaken by a society female with a shady record and a friend with a big bank account, but by the managers of what are known as the cheap theaters—those temples of the drama where the general admission is 15 cents and where half a dollar secures a private box. The managers have formed an alliance against "poor performers and worse dramas," and declare they will no longer allow their audiences to be insulted by actors who cannot act, or be tortured by the productions of authors whose energies could be expended more profitably in the propulsion of wheelbarrows or the manipulation of scoop shovels on the public highways. The reform is a laudable one. Cheap theatricals are not necessarily bad theatricals, any more than high-priced shows are necessarily good shows. Some very good entertainments are given in low-priced theaters, and the man who pays \$1.50 for a seat in a fashionable theater does not always get value received. The managers of the popular-priced houses, if they will stick together, can accomplish the desired object, and it wouldn't be a bad idea if their more aristocratic brethren would follow their example.

New York's crusade against the ferryboat is to be initiated by the Municipal Order League of Chicago, which purposes to begin hostilities against persons who chew tobacco and leave visible reminders thereof in the street cars. The street railway companies have notices posted in the cars requesting passengers not to spit on the floor. These notices might as well be in Sanscrit for all the good they do. The tobacco chewing and expectorating goes on without intermission and without any protest from the conductors. The city health department is to be asked to stop the nuisance, but it is doubtful if it has either the power or the inclination to interfere. The only remedy is to educate the tobacco chewers up to a point where they will voluntarily refrain from working their jaws during the few minutes occupied in a street car journey. Something might be done meanwhile to induce them to root on the grip bar or hang over the dash-board when the craving for the weed is too strong to be resisted.

ONE of the most peculiar wills ever filed for probate in Belgium is that of Mue. Means, whose first husband bore the name of Verhaegen. Mue. Means died in Antwerp, a few months ago, leaving her estate to all her relatives up to the twelfth degree of kinship on both the father's and mother's sides of her first husband. The only condition was that they should make good their claims within six months. The news created great interest in Belgium, where the name Verhaegen is a common one. The widow was reputed to be worth hundreds of millions. As a result, the court was obliged to pass upon the alleged rights of 14,554 heirs. The family-tree of one heir alone covers a space sixteen meters square. The poor people are doomed to disappointment, as the estate turned out to be worth only about three millions. So many lawyers have been engaged that their fees alone will swallow up this amount.

GENERALLY speaking, the slope of rivers flowing into the Mississippi from the east is, on the average, about three inches per mile. Those entering it from the west have an average descent of about six inches per mile. The average descent per mile of the Missouri after it leaves the mountains is reckoned about a foot; the Des Moines, from its source to its conjunction with the Mississippi, about seven and three-tenths inches. The entire length of the Ohio shows a fall of even five inches. The Ohio to the Gulf, has a fall of about two and one-half inches.

With all due respect for the old proverb, when the average servant girl gets through with a piece of valuable bric-a-brac it is generally too late to mend.

This is good advice which the "We" of the Buffalo Times offers to himself: "Let us sober up."